

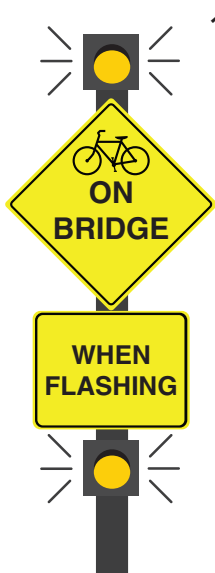


# Hatem Bridge Opens to Bicyclists July 1

## Share the Bridge & Cross with Care

Starting Friday, July 1, 2016, bicyclists will be allowed to cross the Thomas J. Hatem Memorial Bridge (US 40) over the Susquehanna River between Havre de Grace in Harford County and Perryville in Cecil County during designated times.

### HOW IT WORKS



1. **Bicyclists** push a button prior to crossing the bridge to activate warning lights that alert **drivers** when a bicyclist is crossing. The lights will flash for 10-15 minutes, providing the **bicyclist** time to safely cross the bridge.

When warning lights are flashing, **drivers** are encouraged to stay in the left lane.



2. The Hatem Bridge does not have a designated bicycle lane so **bicyclists** must ride in the direction of traffic and should position themselves in the center of the right lane.

**Trucks** over five tons must use the right lane but may use the left lane to safely pass bicycles.

3. **Bicyclists** traveling eastbound must pay the 2-axle toll rate in the far right toll lane (Cash and E-ZPass accepted). The 2-axle cash rate at the Hatem Bridge is \$8.

#### Bicycle Access Hours

- Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Saturday - Sunday, dawn to dusk
- State Holidays, dawn to dusk

### RESTRICTIONS

- Bicyclists must be 18 years of age or older **OR** have a valid driver's license.
- Bicyclists are required to ride single file and follow all rules of the road.
- Bicyclists are **NOT** permitted to stop while crossing the bridge.
- Pedestrians, skateboards, scooters and skates are **NOT** permitted.
- When bicycle access is restricted in the event of fog, wind, other inclement weather or incident, notification will be made via variable message signs and on MDTA's Twitter account at [twitter.com/TheMDTA](https://twitter.com/TheMDTA).

*Note: Cyclists not wishing to cross the bridge by bicycle may still use a taxi or local bus service (weekdays only) to cross the bridge.*



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